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SRI C. KANDASAMY :—" What is the cost of an X-ray plant, and does any private medical practitioner have any X-ray plant in Cannanore? "

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY :—" There is a private X-ray clinic there. The Director of Medical Services is considering how X-ray diagnosis can be provided at this private clinic for poor patients attending Government hospitals."

Propaganda tours by Ministers in regard to the new Elementary Education Scheme.

* 397 *Q.*—SRI A. RATNAM: Will the Hon. the Minister for Finance be pleased to state—

(*a*) how many meetings in the Tamilnad were addressed by the Hon. Chief Minister and other Hon. Ministers on the new Elementary Education Scheme; and

(*b*) whether travelling expenses for attending these meetings were debited to Government account; and if so, how much?

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" (*a*) The Ministers are entitled to explain and defend the policies of Government during their official tours. While some meetings and conferences were convened specifically to explain the Modified Scheme of Elementary Education, there were other meetings at which the Chief Minister, the Minister for Finance and Education, and the other Ministers have touched upon the New Scheme among other important subjects as it was their proper function and duty to do.

" (*b*) The Ministers' official tours are to be paid for from Government account."

SRI A. RATNAM :—" புதிய கல்வித் திட்டத்தை விளம்பரப்படுத்த அமைச்சர்கள் பிரசாரம் செய்து இருக்கிறார்கள். அதே காலத்தில் பல காங்கிரஸ் மெம்பர்களும், பல மாற்று கட்சியினரும் அதைக் கைவிடவேண்டுமென்று கேட்டுக்கொண்டும் கைவிடப்படவில்லை. எனவே 23, 24 தேதிகளில் ஈரோட்டில் பெரியார் ஈ. வே. ராமசாமி அவர்கள் தலைமையில் பல லட்சக்கணக்கான மக்கள் இப்புதிய கல்வித் திட்டத்தை எதிர்த்து அசெம்பிளியை நோக்கி படையெடுக்க கூடப்போகிறது என்பது அரசாங்கத்திற்கு தெரியுமா? அப்படியானால் என்ன. . ."

MR. SPEAKER :—" இந்த கேள்வியோடு ஒரு சம்பந்தமும் இல்லை. Next question."

SRI S. SWAYAMPRAKASAM :—" Sir, he was just beginning to put the question, at the end."

MR. SPEAKER :—" He wants to know whether the Government are aware of the fact that Sri Ramasami Naicker held a meeting in which thousands of people were present. That is his question."

SRI T. SHANMUGAM :—" பாயின்ட் ஆப் ஆர்டர், சார், ஸ்ரீ ஈ. வே. ராமசாமி பெரியார் பேச்சே இங்கு வரக்கூடாதா? "

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MR. SPEAKER :—"ஸ்ரீ ரத்தனம் கேள்வியில் இதுபற்றி இல்லை. ஆகவே அதைத் தெரிந்துகொள்ளுங்கள் முதலில். உங்களுக்கு தெரியாமல் நீங்கள் பேசாதீர்கள். கேள்வியிலிருந்து இது எழவில்லை என்பதை தெரிந்து கொள்ளுங்கள்."

(Sri T. Shanmugam remained standing while Mr. Speaker was on his legs.)

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" Order, order."

(Point of order *re.* the Leader of the House saying " order, order " when decorum in the House is involved.)

SRI K. P. GOPALAN :—" Sir, I rise on a point of order. When the supplementary question was being put, the Hon. the Finance Minister said ' order, order '. I want to know whether the Hon. Speaker or the Finance Minister and Leader of the House conducts this Assembly."

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" I can rise and point out to the Speaker that there is disorder by saying ' order, order '."

THE HON. SRI C. RAJAGOPALACHARI :—" When the Hon. Speaker has given his ruling, and the hon. Member is not found obeying, it is the custom in all Legislatures including the British Parliament for other Members to say ' order, order '."

MR. SPEAKER :—" There is no objection to hon. Members saying at times ' order, order '. I will give an instance. When one hon. Member is addressing the House, and another hon. Member passes between the Chair and the Member addressing him, hon. Members can cry out ' order, order ' to draw the attention of the Chair. This is perfectly in order."

Desilting of the Kolianur channel.

* 398 *Q.*—SRI V. R. NAGARAJAN : Will the Hon. the Minister for Land Revenue be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the Government received representations from the ryots of the villages served by the Kolianur channel flowing through Villupuram town about the unsatisfactory conditions of the channel;

(*b*) what steps the Government have taken to restore the channel to its original condition; and

(*c*) whether the Government would issue orders to the Villupuram Municipality and the Southern Railways for the immediate desilting of the channel in their respective jurisdictions over the channel?

THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU NAICKER :—" (*a*) & (*b*) Government have not received any representation in the matter. Representations have however been received by the Collector of South Arcot who has asked the Executive Engineer, South Arcot Division, to take necessary